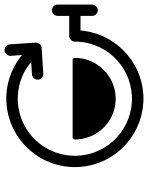


# FAFSA Filing Kit: Everything You Need to Fill Out the FAFSA



Filing the FAFSA isn't as complicated or time-consuming as it seems: in fact, nearly 2/3 of the questions have been eliminated on the newly designed form, and there are many you don't even have to answer on your own! In about the time it takes you to catch up on your Instagram feed - and with only a few pieces of information - you can take the critical first step in getting the money you need to attend college!

Here's a checklist of everything you and your parent need to fill out, sign and submit the FAFSA:

- An [FSA ID](#). You, and whichever parent(s) will be contributors on your FAFSA must create separate FSA IDs by each of you creating an account on [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov). Students and parents/guardians should NOT USE the same email addresses when creating FSA IDs. Students should use a personal email address as opposed to your high school email address. Do this first!
- You and your parent's Social Security numbers. If you're not a U.S. Citizen but fall into one of the categories that make you eligible for federal financial aid, you'll also need your A-Number. If your parent doesn't have a Social Security Number, that's ok - just provide their mailing address.
- Driver's license (if you have one).
- List of schools to which you want to send the FAFSA. You can list up to 20! They'll automatically receive your FAFSA results electronically, and use them to determine the types and amounts of financial aid you may receive. You can find your university's FAFSA School Code on their financial aid office website.
- If applicable, other records of money earned, and records of the value of student and parents assets and investments (not including retirement funds).

In previous years, you would have needed your and your parents' federal income tax returns for the "prior-prior" year. But now, federal tax information (FTI) will automatically populate in your FAFSA once you and your parent(s) have provided consent. One less thing to have to do! (It doesn't hurt to have access to your 2023 federal tax return just in case.)

Want to know more? [Check out the Federal Student Aid YouTube channel](#) for more info on the big changes to the FAFSA that make it easier and faster to fill out. Your school's financial aid office will help you with any questions you have at any time in the process, so don't hesitate to contact them as well.

[File your FAFSA now!](#)

Don't forget to list our FAFSA Code: